assigning said first task to a first task assignment station;

assigning said second task to a second task assignment station;

receiving a predicted start date and a predicted completion date for said first task from said first task assignment station;

receiving a predicted start date and a predicted completion date for said second task from said second task assignment station;

receiving an actual start date and a first verb for said first task;

receiving an actual start date and a second verb for said second task;

computing churn of said first task;

computing churn of said second task;

computing a risk factor for said first task based on said first verb; and

computing a risk factor for said second task based on said second verb.


11. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actual date comprises an actual start date and an actual stop date.


13. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said actual date comprises an actual start date and an actual stop date.


17. (Amended) A method for modeling tasks comprising the steps of:

breaking a project into tasks;

selecting a tasking horizon;

selecting at least two verbs for at least one of said tasks, wherein each of said verbs is task dependent;

receiving a predicted start date and a predicted stop date for said at least one task;

receiving an actual start date and an actual stop date for said at least one task;

receiving one of said at least two verbs that corresponds to said actual start and stop dates, wherein said verb describes at least one reason for said actual start and stop dates;

comparing said predicted start and stop dates with said actual start and stop dates;

computing churn of said at least one task; and

reviewing said churn in view of said at least one verb, and assigning a risk factor to said task based on said review.


18. (Amended)   The method as claimed in claim  17, wherein said risk factor is equal to a percentage of the time between said predicted start and stop dates.


21. (Amended)   The apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein said apparatus is utilized in a churn monitoring program to reduce said churn.